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Parish Newsletter

Dear Parishioners,

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. As we celebrate the season of Advent, we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ at Christmas. Advent is a time of hopeful waiting; a time when we answer the call of John the Baptist: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." May our prayerful observance of this season of Advent draw us nearer to our loving and merciful God.

Advent begins on Sunday, December 1st and continues through Christmas. During this time, we invite you to prepare yourself for Christmas with the Sacrament of Penance and other Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. Additional priests will be available to assist with confession during the penance service on Monday, December 16th. Father will also hear regular confessions on Saturday from 3-4 pm or by appointment.

As we enter the Advent season, people of Christ are invited to prepare your hearts and minds for the Lord. This preparation is not only external, but internal, involving a genuine change of mind and heart. We need to allow the Holy Spirit to work in us, producing the fruits of love, joy, peace, and patience. May this Advent be a profound time of spiritual preparation and renewal. Please consider inviting someone you know to attend Mass with us during this Christmas Season.

Thank all of you for your involvement in various parish ministries and programs. Thank you for your generous financial support, giving innumerable hours of your personal time, sharing your abilities and talents with St. Pius X Catholic Church.

May God Bless your home with Peace, Joy & Love. I wish you all a fruitful Advent season.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Shiju Thuruthiyil OSH

An Advent Prayer for the family

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.

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A prayerful reflection upon the Old Testament Sunday Advent readings for this year highlights the theme of Justice and Peace. The first two Advent Sunday readings call God's people "The LORD our Justice" (Jeremiah 33:16) and "The Peace of Justice" (Baruch 5:4). Then, the next two Sunday Advent readings twice emphasize "The LORD is in your midst" (Zechariah 3:15, 17) and that the LORD would come from Bethlehem and ancient times and "be Peace" (Micah 5:1-4). When we take all of the Scripture readings for Advent and from all of Scripture into consideration, we know that the LORD of Justice and Peace has been prophesied to come to make humanity a people of justice and peace.

What is justice? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), "Justice is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor (CCC, 1807)." Justice, then, is to give God our life in worship and service to Him and, insofar as we are able, to provide for our neighbors' bodily, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs. A community or world of justice would be a place of peace in which all people have all of their needs met and are content with that.

Obviously, we do not yet live in a community or world of justice and peace. Please pause and imagine for a few minutes how many of you and of the people in our community and world do not have their bodily, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs met. Bodily, not only do many people not have necessary food, clean water, clothing, and adequate shelter; but many are also suffering in their bodies because they do not have healthcare, or healthcare is not able to alleviate their suffering. Psychologically and emotionally, we are in the midst of an epidemic in our community and country, in which there are far more children, youth, and adults who need therapy than therapists available to help them. As a result the suicide rate among teenagers and adults is higher in our country than it has ever been before. Spiritually, the fastest growing religious population in our country is the non-religious population called the "None's". Adults, and their children and youth with them, are leaving religious institutions in droves, choosing to go about the life of the spirit individually, if at all.

Advent is the season of longing, longing for our LORD to come. Specifically, this year the Advent theme is longing for our LORD to come to bring us justice and peace, in order to make us His people of increasing justice and peace in our community and world. This Advent, let us cry out to our LORD with groanings that words cannot express to make us justice and peace here and now (Romans 8:18-27).

SPX Discipleship Underway!

Though making disciples for Jesus has always been happening here in St. Pius X, discipleship has been adopted as our primary emphasis and theme for catechesis this academic year. This fall, our SPX Disciple-makers have been making disciples of 80+ registered children and youth, as well as many more adults in our Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA, formerly RCIA) and other women's, men's, and mixed classes throughout the week. In our monthly Discipleship Forums and in the training of our Disciple-makers we have focused on Who Jesus is and His command to "Make disciples of all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

(Matthew 28:19-20) This means reminding all of us that in baptism the Holy Trinity infused us all with Himself, grace, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the theological and moral virtues in order to make us new humans on the inside; SO THAT we may observe, that is, conform ourselves to, all of the Ten Commandments of Love. As we all respond to being made new by conforming ourselves to Jesus' commandments of love, we become more and more perfected in love and shine like bright lights in the dark places of the world around us; thereby attracting more people in our community to become disciples of Jesus. Let us thank the Holy Trinity for all that He has been accomplishing in and through us this year, as well as for all the committed Disciple-makers in our parish. Please continue to pray for the Disciple-makers, children, youth, parents, and for all in our parish, that we be open to the work and promptings of the Holy Spirit within us. Also, please continue to pray that God will bring us a full-time Discipleship Director, who can fully devote herself/himself to this essential work of our parish.



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Advent Wreath

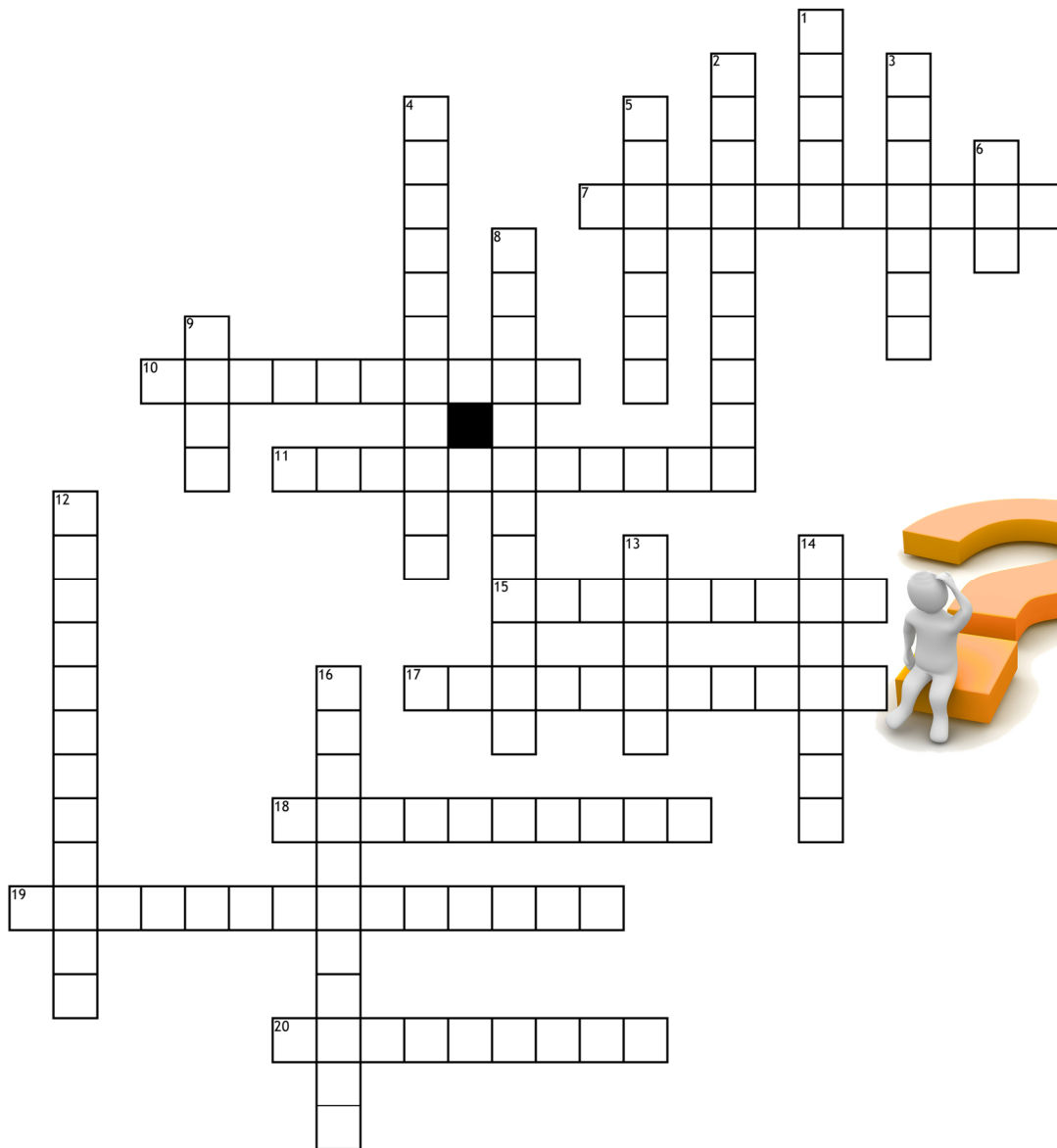
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evergreens	bethlehem	celebrate	christmas	emmanuel
messiah	prepare	candle	wreath	sunday
savior	christ	isaiah	advent	jesse
angel	light	green	jesus	hope
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Name: _____

Date: _____

Advent Crossword Copy



Across

7. What is the name of Jesus's first coming?
10. What is Jesus actually called?
11. What is another word for Messiah?
15. Where was Jesus born?
17. Christmas originates from the phrase _____
18. Advent is a time to prepare for the celebration of _____
19. What time of year is Advent?
20. What does the Christmas season begin with?

Down

1. In the Incarnation God the son is becoming what?
2. What does the church look forward to Jesus's second coming with?
3. On what day in December do we start focusing on the preparation of the second coming of God's kingdom?
4. The Advent wreath is a symbol of what?
5. The Christmas season begins on December 25 and ends in what month?

6. What does the color of Christmas mean?
8. What is the real meaning behind Christmas?
9. How many Sundays are there in Advent?
12. Advent is also to reflect on Jesus what?
13. What is the color for Christmas?
14. What is another name for Jesus?
16. Through the Eucharist we receive what?



Join us for the Catholic Daughters Nativity *crèche* display—December 14-15

Do you want to get into the true spirit of Christmas?

The Catholic Daughters are hosting a Nativity Set Sharing after the Masses on December 14-15. Please come to the Youth room to take the tour. Also, you are invited to bring the baby Jesus from your personal Nativity set to Mass that weekend. Father Shiju will have a special blessing to share with you. Please especially encourage the children to participate.

Setting up a nativity *crèche* allows us to reflect on the humble beginnings of our salvation all Advent season. Catholics traditionally hide the figure of baby Jesus and only add him to the scene on Christmas Day. This is a great visual way to help young children understand what we prepare for during Advent.

The simple, profound, living Nativity scene of Greccio in 1223 "was destined to be spread by Franciscans throughout the world as they moved out from Assisi in the following centuries. ... Though it has suffered its share of commercialism, and its significance has sometimes become purely sentimental, at its origins the nativity scene was a striking affirmation of God's entry into the mundane, every-day life of poor people, the world of creatures, the world of straw and rocks." (*Poverty and Joy* by William J Short, OFM) If you do not have a Nativity scene for your home, many are available in our Spiritual Gift Shop, open after every weekend Mass. And our Franciscan Companions meet the second Saturday of every month, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. For more information, contact Mary Beard, 541-892-0390.

Awaiting Baby Jesus Advent Prayer

My heart is beating, filled with joy, awaiting Mary's baby boy.
For with this child, we embrace the birth of God's most precious grace.
Baby Jesus, soon to come! For us comes the Promised One.
Baby Jesus, God's own son, you will be the Chosen One to lead our flock to salvation.
Our eternal life awaits. The birth of Jesus brings us nearer to Heaven's holy gates.
Sing with joy, and count the days, for soon to come, the Lord we'll praise.
Rejoice that Jesus will soon arrive, the Messiah and our faith alive. Amen



Potluck & a Party

FOOD, GIFT EXCHANGE, GAMES,
UGLY SWEATER CONTEST, FUN!

DECEMBER **15** 3:00 PM

St Pius X Catholic Church - Hall
Hosted by Hospitality Committee

BRING A DISH TO SHARE & A GIFT, (\$10-\$20 EACH), PER PLAYER



Attention PARENTS

Talent Show 2/23/25

You know your child/children best, this will be a fun event. Here are some ideas:

- ◇ Read a poem that he/she wrote
- ◇ Dance
- ◇ Sing
- ◇ Make magic
- ◇ Stand up (or sit down) comedy
- ◇ Juggling
- ◇ Play an instrument
- ◇ Jump rope tricks
- ◇ Ventriloquist
- ◇ Skit
- ◇ Yo Yo skills
- ◇ Martial arts
- ◇ Impersonations.



POTLUCK & TALENT SHOW

2/23/25 @ 3 PM

ST PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH - HALL

Come and support our Parish Children!
Hosted by Hospitality Committee

It can be a single child or a team of children per act. Think and dream! (Songs, dance moves, etc. must be appropriate for all audiences.)

St Pius X welcomes our parish children to show off their talents to their friends and family. We ask that students submit their act to us **by January 31st** so we can speak with the families and plan out the event. If your student is interested in participating, please fill out the Talent Show Interest Form which may be found in the classrooms, or on the table in the vestibule. Questions and or those who are interested contact Dora dmurillo9@aol.com or 541-880-9361.

The Way of Darkness (Sin) :

The Seven Capital Sins

1. **Pride:** Preoccupation with one's own excellence or misery.
2. **Avarice/Greed:** Disordered desire for possessions; setting our hearts on material things; selfishness.
3. **Lust:** Disordered desire for or inordinate enjoyment of sexual pleasure.
4. **Anger:** Uncontrolled emotion which results in desire for revenge; holding resentment.
5. **Gluttony:** Putting the pleasures of the body (food, drink, makeup, Internet, TV, etc.) over the goods of the soul.
6. **Envy:** Sadness at the good of another.
7. **Sloth:** Bodily or Spiritual laziness or neglect.

Sins Against the Theological Virtues

1. Presumption on God's Mercy.
2. Despair of God's Mercy.
3. Resisting and/or Attacking the known truth.
4. Envy at another's spiritual good.
5. Obstinacy in sin.
6. Final impenitence (refusal to repent).

Sins Crying to Heaven

1. Willful murder.
2. Sodomy.
3. Oppression of the poor.
4. Defrauding laborers of their wages.

Being an Accessory to Another's Sin

1. By counsel.
2. By command.
3. By consent.
4. By provocation.
5. By praise or flattery.
6. By concealment.
7. By partaking.
8. By silence.
9. By defense of the sinful action.

The Works of the Flesh

(Gal. 5:19-21) Immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, rivalry, jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of selfishness, dissensions, factions, occasions of envy, drinking bouts, orgies.

The Way of Light (Holiness) :

The Seven Capital Virtues

1. **Humility:** Acknowledgment of truth about God, oneself and others.
2. **Generosity:** Doing actions for the benefit of others; selflessness.
3. **Chastity:** Proper integration of sexuality within the human person according to the mind of God and one's state in life.
4. **Meekness:** Gentleness of spirit that gives power of self-possession; governs anger.
5. **Temperance:** Moderation of the desire for pleasure.
6. **Brotherly Love:** Desire for the true good of one's neighbor, which leads one to act rightly toward him.
7. **Diligence:** Consistency in doing what is right.

The Theological Virtues

Faith, Hope and, Charity.

The Cardinal Virtues

Prudence, Justice, Temperance and Fortitude.

The Corporal Works of Mercy

To feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and bury the dead.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

To admonish the sinner, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive all injuries and pray for the living and the dead.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

(Gal. 5:22-23) Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Modesty, Self-Control and Chastity.

The Ten Commandments

- I. I am the Lord Thy God. Thou shall not have strange gods before Me.
- II. Thou shall not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.
- III. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
- IV. Honor thy father and thy mother. V. Thou shall not kill.
- VI. Thou shall not commit adultery.
- VII. Thou shall not steal.
- VIII. Thou shall not bear false witness.
- IX. Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's wife.
- X. Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's goods.

The Two Greatest Commandments

- I. You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul and with all your mind.
- II. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

The Precepts of the Church

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation and rest from servile labor.
2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
3. You shall receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter Season.
4. You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church
5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.

Prayer Before Confession

Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten my mind that I may clearly know my sins. Move my heart that I may be sincerely sorry for them, honestly confess them and firmly resolve to amend my life. Spirit of Wisdom, grant me to see the malice of sin and my ingratitude toward You, the all-loving God. Spirit of Fortitude, help me to make whatever sacrifice is needed to avoid sin in the future. Amen.

Examination of Conscience for Adults and Teens

Did I deny or doubt God's existence?
Did I refuse to believe God's revelation?
Did I believe in (or use) horoscopes, fortune telling, good luck charms, tarot cards, Ouija boards or reincarnation?
Did I deny that I was a Catholic?
Did I abandon the Catholic Faith for any period of time?
Did I despair of or presume on God's mercy?
Did I neglect prayer for a long time?
Did I fail to pray daily?
Did I blaspheme God or take God's Name in vain, curse or break an oath or vow?
Did I miss Mass on a Sunday or on a Holy Day of Obligation through my own fault?
Am I always reverent in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament?
Was I inattentive at Mass? Did I arrive at Mass late?
Did I leave Mass early?
Did I do unnecessary servile work on Sunday?
Did I disobey or disrespect my parents or legitimate superiors?
Did I neglect my duties to my husband, wife, children or parents?
Did I fail to actively take an interest in the religious education and formation of my children?
Have I failed to educate myself concerning the teachings of the Church?
Did I give a full day's work in return for a full day's pay?
Did I give a fair wage to my employee (s)?
Did I give scandal by what I said or did, especially to the young?

Did I contribute to anyone's abandoning of the Catholic Faith?
Was I impatient, angry, envious, unkind, proud, jealous, revengeful, hateful toward others or lazy?
Did I give bad example, abuse drugs, drink alcohol to excess, fight or quarrel?
Did I physically injure or kill anyone?
Have I had an abortion, or advised or supported an abortion?
Did I participate in or approve of the grave evil known as "mercy killing" or euthanasia?
Did I attempt suicide or physically harm myself?
Did I willfully entertain impure thoughts and desires?
Did I dress immodestly or provocatively?
Did I use impure or suggestive words?
Did I tell impure stories or listen to them?
Did I deliberately look at impure television, internet, plays, pictures or movies?
Did I deliberately read impure material?
Did I perform impure acts by myself (masturbation) or with another (adultery, fornication or sodomy)?
Did I marry or advise another to marry outside of the Church?
Did I abuse my marriage rights?
Was I unfaithful to my marriage vows?
Have I kept company with someone else's spouse?
Did I practice artificial birth control or was I or my spouse permanently sterilized (tubal ligation or vasectomy)?
Did I steal, cheat, help or encourage others to steal, cheat, or keep stolen goods?

Have I made restitution for stolen goods?
Did I deliberately fail to fulfill my contracts or to pay my bills?
Did I give or accept bribes?
Did I rashly gamble or speculate or deprive my family of the necessities of life?
Did I tell lies?
Deliberately in order to deceive or injure others?
Did I commit perjury?
Did I vote in accordance with a properly informed conscience, in a way consistent with the teachings of the Church, in regard to the sanctity of marriage and of human life issues?
Was I uncharitable in thought, word or deed?
Did I gossip or reveal the faults or sins of others?
Did I fail to keep secrets that I should have kept?
Did I eat meat knowingly on the Fridays during Lent or on Ash Wednesday?
Did I fast as required on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday?
Did I fail to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season?
Did I fail to confess my sins at least once a year?
Did I receive Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin?
Did I receive Holy Communion without fasting for one hour or more from food and drink? (water and medicine are permitted)
Did I make a bad Confession by deliberately not telling all the mortal sins I had committed?
Did I fail to contribute to the support of the Church?
Have I forgiven those who have hurt or harmed me or my loved ones?

How to go to Confession

1. The priest will greet you.
2. The penitent says: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned." You then say how long it has been since your last Confession.
3. The penitent tells the priest his sins and briefly answers any relevant questions.
4. The priest will give you some advice and will assign you a penance.
5. The penitent will next pray the Act of Contrition (see prayer below).
6. The priest then gives the penitent absolution.
7. The priest will then say: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good."
8. The penitent responds: "His mercy endures for ever." The priest will then dismiss you.

Prayer After Confession Almighty and Merciful God, Whose mercy is boundless and everlasting and of Whose goodness the riches are infinite, I thank You because You have so graciously pardoned all my sins and restored Your Heavenly favor. I am awed by Your divine compassion and the incomprehensible love of Your Son, which has led Him to institute so gentle and powerful a remedy for sins. In union with all the gratitude that has ever ascended to You from truly penitent hearts, I proclaim Your merciful praises on behalf of all in Heaven, on earth and in purgatory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of hell. But most of all, because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.

What are the 12 Days of Christmas?

While secular culture begins Christmas after Thanksgiving (and sometimes even earlier!), for Catholics the Christmas season doesn't begin until Christmas Eve. The time of preparation before Christmas is called Advent. Catholics celebrate the Christmas season from Jesus' birth, December 25, until the day before the Epiphany (January 6). The Epiphany is the celebration of when the three wise men visited Joseph, Mary, and Jesus in Bethlehem. Since the Church is still celebrating it's a great opportunity to leave your Christmas decorations up a little longer!

What is the Meaning of the Song "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?

The religious wars in sixteenth century England made it dangerous to be a Catholic. Many people practiced their faith in secret. As the legend goes, Catholic families courageously developed unique ways to secretly pass the faith onto their children, like "The 12 Days of Christmas." The well-known song was used to teach children about the Catholic Church. Although the lyrics may sound like nonsense, the song actually contains hidden references:

The First Day of Christmas: A Partridge in a Pear Tree

A partridge in a pear tree symbolizes Jesus Christ, with the partridge representing Christ's willingness to sacrifice himself and the pear tree symbolizing the cross.

The Second Day of Christmas: Two Turtle Doves

Two turtle doves represents the Old and New Testaments, highlighting the harmony and connection between the two.

The Third Day of Christmas: Three French Hens

Three French hens signifies the three theological virtues: faith, hope, and love (or charity).

The Fourth Day of Christmas: Four Calling Birds

Four calling birds symbolizes the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which spread the good news of Christ's life and teachings.

The Fifth Day of Christmas: Five Golden Rings

Five golden rings represents the first five books of the Old Testament, known as the Pentateuch or the Torah, emphasizing God's covenant with His people.

The Sixth Day of Christmas: Six Geese A-Laying

Six geese a-laying symbolizes the six days of creation, emphasizing God's power as the creator of the world.

The Seventh Day of Christmas: Seven Swans A-Swimming

Seven swans a-swimming represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

The Eighth Day of Christmas: Eight Maids A-Milking

Eight maids a-milking symbolizes the eight Beatitudes preached by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, highlighting the virtues and blessings of a righteous life.

The Eight Beatitudes:

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
6. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
8. Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Ninth Day of Christmas: Nine Ladies Dancing

Nine ladies dancing represents the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

The Tenth Day of Christmas: Ten Lords A-Leaping

Ten lords a-leaping signifies the Ten Commandments, which provide guidance for a moral and righteous life.

The Ten Commandments:

1. I am the Lord your God: You shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

The Eleventh Day of Christmas: Eleven Pipers Piping

The Eleven Faithful Apostles: Peter, Andrew, James the Elder, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the Younger, Simon, and Jude.

The Twelfth Day of Christmas: Twelve Drummers Drumming

Twelve drummers drumming represents the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed, which summarizes the core beliefs of Christianity.

The Apostles' Creed:

1. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
2. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
3. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
4. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
5. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
6. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
7. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
8. the holy catholic Church,
9. the communion of saints,
10. the forgiveness of sins,
11. the resurrection of the body,
12. and life everlasting. Amen.

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent/twelve-days-of-christmas.html>



6:00 PM Social Hour-Cash /Ticket Bar

7:00 PM Dinner

6:00-9:00 PM | Music by "Robin Schwartz"

Menu

Prime rib or Chicken breast | Potatoes | Baked vegetables | Fresh green salad

Dinner rolls | Dessert | Beverages

Tickets available

Adults: \$19 | Teens 13-18: \$10 | 12 and under free (must have ticket)

Call Ipo Ross 541-331-1416 for tickets

Knights of Columbus Hall | 1910 Greensprings Drive | Klamath Falls

2024

In memory/In Honor of loved ones at Christmas

Margaret Rhodes	Corinna Bystricky
Mark Koerber	Theresa Smith
Rita Koerber	Jim Smith
Dorothy Coonts	Kerresa & Brian Verneris
Muriel Cauhape	Grandparents
Audry Mocabee	Linda Patterson
Herb Wagner	Mr. & Mrs. Frank X Brady
Frank & Clara Beard	Jenny Jones & family
Bill & Joan Breedlove	Ellingsworth family
Madge & Douglas Nelson	Brady family
May & Frank Loughran	Bogumil Paprocki
Julie & Fred Nelson	Andrzej Paprocki
Hanna & Henry McMahon	Irene Patton
Mike Lyon	James Baird
Jane Marak	John Berutti
Margaret Pearman	Ollie Belle Baird
Keefe & Marion Walker	Beatrice & Worth Foster
Roger Walker	Mary Diane Medill
Karen Heinzman	Fr. Raymond Hopp
Harold Moates	Fredjani family
Marin	Arrieta family
Mercel Pedro	Micheli family
Emma Pedro	Moschetti family
Doris & Walter Michell	Lilly family
Henry & Geneva Caldwell	Paul & Concette Greenleaf
Al & Marion Pettey	Elmer & Dorothy Headden
Jim & Kathy Miller	<i>Thank you for your support.</i>

Catholic Singles Ministry



The Singles Ministry's mission is to create a community for Catholic parishioners who are single and to further our faith and godly principles while focusing on creating sincere and responsible interpersonal relationships.

Since the first meeting in January 2024, the group has attended several faith-based films at the Pelican Cinema, participated in church activities at St. Pius X, participated in the Hospitality Ministry's movie night and potluck, bowled at the Epicenter, hiked within Fish Lake, enjoyed potlucks and barbecues, held game night at the parish hall, and played bingo at St. Augustine.

Reaching out to the other Catholic churches in the area is our next objective. If you are looking for like-minded people and if you are between the ages of 18-118 and a single Catholic, then we encourage you to join us for faith, fellowship, and fun. For additional information about the group, call Larry Redd at 541-892-3350 or Father Shiju at 541-884-4242.



Consider joining
us!

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

St. Faustina composed many beautiful poems, prayers, and reflections in her Diary.

Like this one: God's Infinite Goodness in Creating Mankind

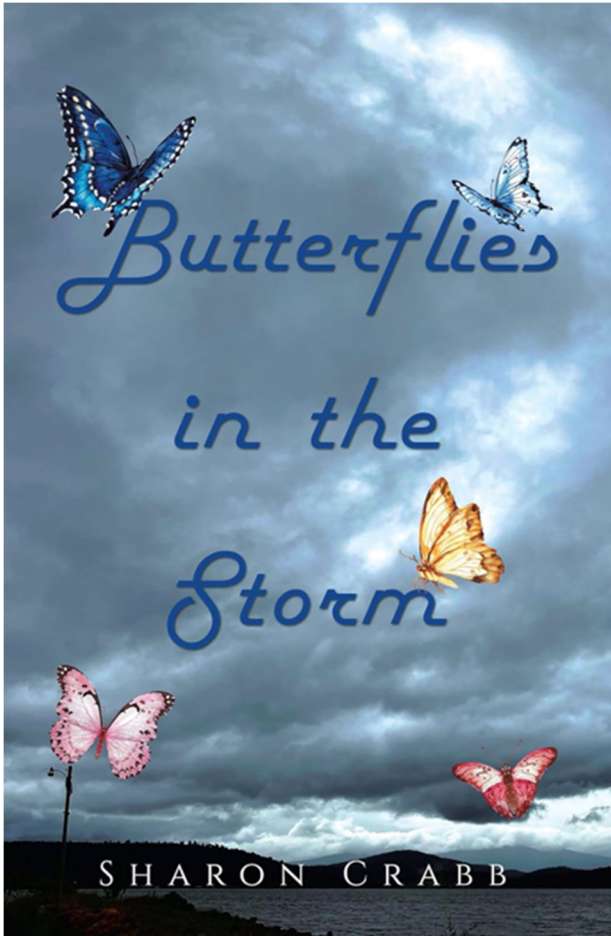
God, who in Your mercy have deigned to call man from nothingness into being, generously have You bestowed upon him nature and grace. But that seemed too little for Your infinite goodness. In Your mercy, O Lord, You have given us everlasting life. You admit us to Your everlasting happiness and grant us to share in Your interior life. And You do this solely out of Your mercy. You bestow on us the gift of Your grace, only because You are good and full of love. You had no need of us at all to be happy, but You, O Lord, want to share Your own happiness with us. But man did not stand the test. You could have punished him, like the angels, with eternal rejection, but here Your mercy appeared, and the very depths of Your being were moved with great compassion, and You promised to restore our salvation. It is an incomprehensible abyss of Your compassion that You did not punish us as we deserved. May Your mercy be glorified, O Lord; we will praise it for endless ages. And the angels were amazed at the greatness of the mercy which You have shown for mankind.

We discover these passages as we read the Diary of St. Faustina together. It also gives us ample food for some good discussion. Her great work, inspired by the Holy Spirit, was written for us, according to the words of Jesus which she records. He wanted us to see first hand His mercy, through her, His Secretary of Divine Mercy. Our group normally meets the first and third Sundays of each month and we are always open to newcomers.

Circle of Sisters Book Club

Butterflies in the Storm

Sharon Crabb



During our lifetime we may experience days of joy, happiness, peace and eventually, the pain of disappointment and loss. Our greatest blessings can sometimes be found in our darkest moments. Through God's gifts of grace and faith, we have the rare opportunity to see His work in our lives. He is always with us, hearing even our quietest prayers, knowing our smallest need. Sometimes He even sends us rainbows and butterflies.

Sharon is a fellow-parishioner at St. Pius X. She will join us as we discuss her book in January. Copies can be purchased at Amazon. The Catholic Lending Library at St. Pius X has two copies.

Please join us for the discussion on this book!
Wednesday, January 15, 2025
6:30 p.m. at Terri Lloyd's home (4833 Hilyard Ave.)

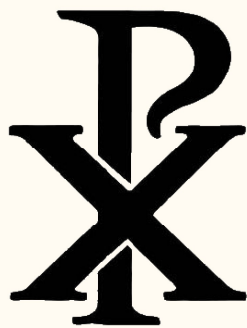
Contact Deb Scaravilli (541-884-6905; vicdebscaravilli@gmail.com) or Terri Lloyd (541-882-4876; lloydMrs@charter.net) for more information.

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SEASONAL PANEL

Welcome



ST. PIUS X

Roman Catholic Church

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass 9:00 AM

Daily Mass

Monday–Friday 8:30 AM

Confessions

Saturday 3:00–4:00 PM

Holy Days of Obligation

8:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday
7:00 PM

Good Friday
7:00 PM



Easter Vigil
8:00 PM

Easter Sunday
9:00 AM

SEASONAL PANEL

Thank you Tami Thompson, *Totalis Design & Print*, for the graphic design work.

SEASONAL PANELS

Alleluia! Alleluia!

HE IS RISEN

O'COME O'COME
EMMANUEL



CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Midnight Mass 12:00 AM

Morning Mass 9:00 AM



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LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross

Fridays 7:00 PM



From the 2024 primary election through the general election, ORTL PAC's grassroots team knocked on nearly 21,000 doors, made more than 20,000 direct phone calls, and surveyed almost 9,000 voters in key districts. Volunteers and staff members provided information to undecided voters and energized pro-life Oregonians to cast their ballots for candidates who will represent Oregon's most vulnerable.

In total, ORTL PAC supported 69 candidates in the 2024 general election, 42 of whom won their races with four races still too close to call.

In Marion County, ORTL PAC-endorsed incumbents Kevin Mannix (HD 21) and Tracy Cramer (HD 22) won re-election and will remain pro-life champions.

Your Vote Counted!!

"Tracy and Kevin were targeted for defeat from the beginning. Where it counted, the pro-life message won on Tuesday night and we retained our ability to represent the most vulnerable in the Oregon legislature," Oregon Right to Life political director Sharolyn Smith said in a Wednesday morning press release. "We're very proud of the work our grassroots team did to secure these crucial wins."

"Our grassroots team is one of the only ones in the state that operates year round, informing Oregonians about abortion and rallying the pro-life vote," said Oregon Right to Life executive director Lois Anderson. "Advancing the pro-life message in Oregon is challenging. In several races, especially at the county commissioner level, this was not the night we were hoping for. But we have solid wins to celebrate."

"Where we focus our efforts and resources, we can and do win," Anderson continued. "Our grassroots team rallied the pro-life vote and created a path to victory for strong candidates like Tracy Cramer, Kevin Mannix, and Darin Harbick in House District 12, who will make a real difference for life."

In a much-anticipated victory last night, ORTL PAC-endorsed pro-life candidate Darin Harbick solidified his win to represent the people of rural Lane County in HD 12. Harbick's Tuesday night win came after a historic pro-life primary election victory in which he earned more than 82% of the vote against pro-abortion incumbent Charlie Conrad (R-Dexter).

"We went into the 2024 election mainly to accomplish one thing: Defeat pro-abortion Republican Charlie Conrad," Smith said. "And we did it to a historic degree."

Oregon voters not only rejected Conrad over his abortion support, they also opposed abortion extremism in Democrat-leaning districts.

"We knew abortion was going to be the main attack on Tracy and Kevin in Marion County, but 65% of voters in their Democrat-leaning districts think Oregon's abortion law is too extreme," Smith added. "These voters support candidates who want to see limits on abortion. They know that Representatives Mannix and Cramer will represent their values."

Soon after the election, we announced the good news that two **pro-life champions**, Representatives Kevin Mannix and Tracy Cramer, had **won** their reelections in Marion County. But as you may have heard, **more ballots were counted** after the election, **turning Tracy's 550 vote lead upside down** and putting her more than 100 votes behind her pro-abortion challenger.

This reversal is shocking.

Tracy is a strong defender of the unborn, and her loss would be felt deeply.

Responding to this news, Tracy's campaign has kicked into high gear. Supporters are volunteering as poll watchers and making phone calls, and the campaign is taking what legal action they can to ensure fairness and transparency.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreats for healing after abortion Rachel's Vineyard is an extraordinary opportunity for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of past abortion (s). The weekend is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. There are many exercises to help you grieve your loss and an opportunity to understand and release the deep feelings of anger, shame, guilt, and grief that frequently accompanies an abortion experience. This process is extremely helpful for those who struggle with forgiving themselves or others. The weekend will help your soul find a voice, and transform the pain of the past into hope. Rachel's Vineyard is a "therapy for the soul" which combines a unique and creative process for psychological and spiritual healing. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries will be hosting a Rachel's Vineyard Retreats for Healing after Abortion in: *** read more about it online at www.rachelsvineyard.org. All requests are strictly confidential.

Retreats

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Retreats are held in over 375 locations. They offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing.

Media / Social Media

Rachel's Vineyard offers hope and healing to thousands of post-abortive men and women each year. The more we reach out, the more the healing we can bring to those suffering after abortion. Help us spread the word about Rachel's Vineyard using the tools provided within the links below.

<https://rachelsvineyard.org/social-media/index.aspx>

Be a Part of RVM

Join hundreds of counselors, lay ministers, social workers, psychologists and psychiatrists who are part of the international network for those spreading the healing Rachel's Vineyard process. We are always looking for passionate people to help spread the healing word of Rachel's Vineyard and look forward to hearing from you!

Contact: Lori Eckstine | 541-350-7859 | Info@project-aurora.org | <http://www.project-aurora.org/>

Mercy Triumphs The Church opposes abortion, but embraces with mercy those who have made this mistake. Let's all take encouragement from these words of Pope John Paul II: "I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child." (The Gospel of Life, #99).

From someone who had an abortion... "[The abortion] gave me grief and sorrow beyond expression. I was petrified to tell anyone. I have committed the most heinous of all crimes. Yet, the Lord forgave me, just as he forgave Paul. Yet I will always regret what I did and will probably always feel grief. But I pray that my experience can somehow prevent other women from making the same fatal mistake. I'm a nurse now, so I wear my uniform to all the pro-life things I do! It helps." Forgiveness and healing are available. Visit www.RachelsVineyard.org. <https://www.priestsforlife.org/>

Vision Statement

To increase the disciples of Jesus Christ within our parish and community”.

Mission Statement

“St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church, within the Diocese of Baker, is a community of Catholic Christians who are united by God, formed by the gospels, strengthened by the sacraments and the liturgy as well as the teachings of the Catholic Church.

We are committed to evangelization and education. We encourage a greater commitment to love and follow Christ, by living out the Catholic faith and to promote peace and justice in our parish, our community, and our world.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we pledge ourselves to pursue this mission through participation in the liturgical, sacramental, educational, and social ministries of the Church.”

Winter Gardening Tips by Jenny Dreyer, St. Pius X Landscaper

WINTER GARDENING TIPS...

- *Now is the perfect time to give your indoor houseplants some TLC.
 - *Trim back overgrown plants if needed. I like to trim my houseplants back to the rim of the container, and if it needs to be taken down in height... I take it down to the same height as my pot. So, if my pot is 6 inches tall, I would keep my plant at 6 inches or above, and then trim the sides of the plant back to the edges of the container.
 - *Sometimes, if you trim back your houseplants, you can try and keep some of the cuttings in a glass of water, with good indirect light, and see if you can get the cuttings to sprout new growth. When you have little roots that are ½-1 inch long... try repotting in a small size container and grow a new one! That is cheaper than buying one from the store!
 - *Now is also a good time to add soil to any pots that are half full. Adding new soil can help protect the roots and promote growth.
 - *If needed, you can “feed” your houseplants with an indoor houseplant fertilizer.
 - *If you have roots growing out of the bottom of your pot, it’s time to re-plant to the next size up container from your current size.
 - *One of the main things I do during these winter months, is look back on the past summer season and ask myself... what went well? What plants did I buy or grow that did well, and would I buy or grow them again? Winter is my planning time for the following year!! Oftentimes, with Petunia’s for example, I might like all of the variety’s I chose/bought because of color and the performance... that some will wave, etc.; but for me, performance of the ones that did well in the heat of Summer... those are the ones that I buy again! For Klamath Falls, I prefer the “Dreams” variety of Petunia’s. They come in several colors and perform very well here.
- I’m already planning for 2025, are you?*

